

# Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2016 Year End Report



Fire whirl on the Beaver Creek Fire



## Cooperating Agencies

Bureau of Land Management

United States Forest Service

National Park Service

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Jackson & Grand Counties

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**Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC)**

## **2016 Year End Report**

2016 was an active year for the Craig Dispatch Zone. There were 216 fires, the same number as our five year average of 216, for 40,003 acres, well over our 5 year average of 9,412 acres. The largest fire of the year was the Beaver Creek Fire on the Routt Zone for a total of 38,380 acres.

Spring started out wet and the Dispatch Zone didn't really dry out until May. Our first fire occurred on April 2<sup>nd</sup> on private land outside Hamilton. There were a few fires in April but the season didn't really begin until May. June saw the first of several large fires for the season with the Beaver Creek being reported on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

August was our busiest month with 69 fires. July and September were close behind with 49 and 50 fire respectively. October saw the beginning of the end with 6 fires. The last fire of the year was the 20 acre Boxcar Fire in Grand County on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Craig filled 225 overhead, equipment, aircraft and crew resource orders to assist firefighting efforts in the GACC and other parts of the country. Local ROSS orders, including aircraft, for local incidents (including reassignments) totaled 6,379 for a total of 6,604 orders filled, well above the five-year average (2011-2015) of 1,070.

Beaver Creek was the only Type II incident, the rest of our incidents were Type III thru V. The dispatch center was very busy this season with a nearly constant rotation of dispatchers coming through the office to support the 24/7 needs of the Beaver Creek Fire. There were also Actings in place for the Center Manager and Assistant Center Manager for most of the summer. We had a few local militia and a couple injured firefighters helping in the IA office as well. Thanks to everyone who helped this year! Expanded Dispatch was in place for 110 days which took a huge workload off the IA office.

In addition to wildland fires, the dispatch center supported all of our agencies' prescribed fire and fuels programs.

A total of 547 incident actions were processed in WildCAD, including wildland fires, prescribed fires, resource orders, public assists, aircraft flight following, and miscellaneous actions.

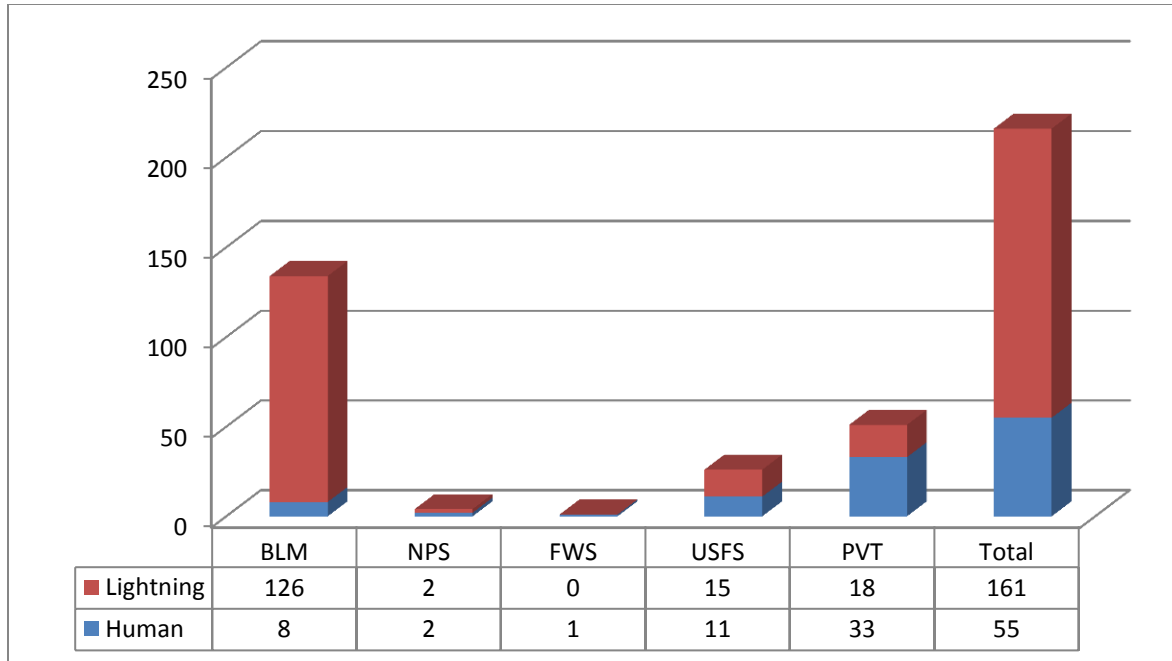
The center was staffed 24 hours for approximately 90 days this year.

# 2016 CRC Fire Summary

## Wildland Fire Statistics

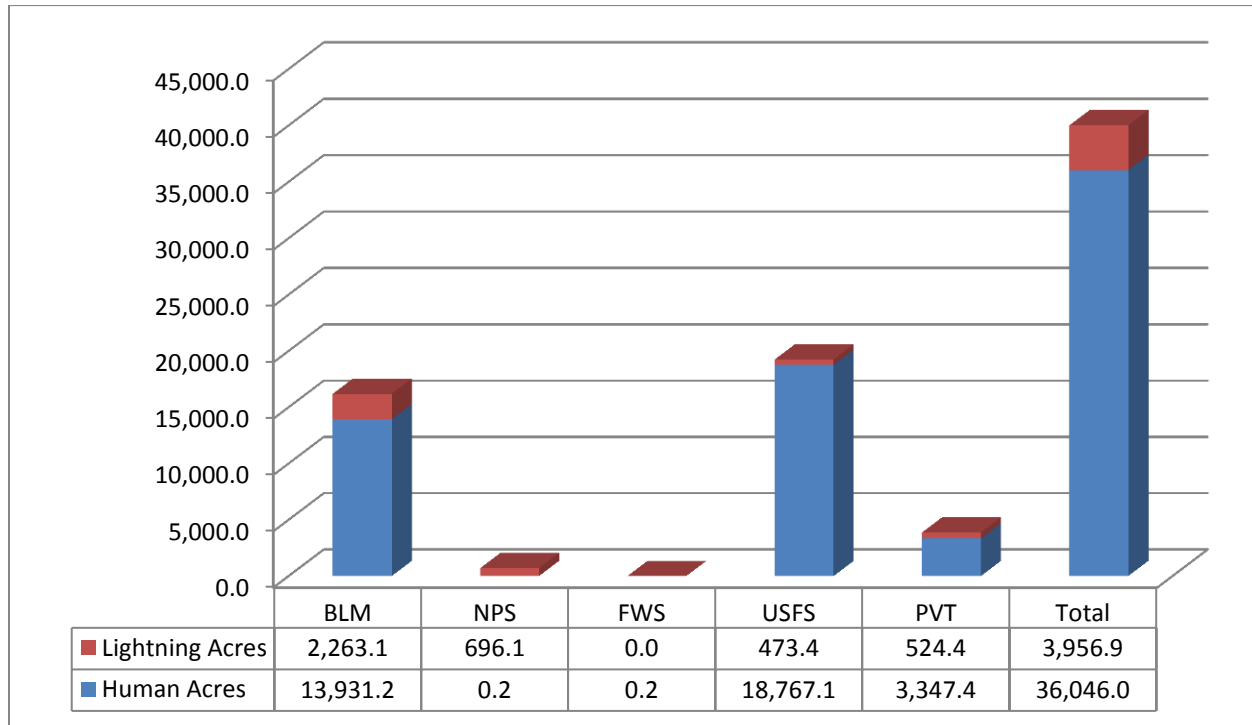
	Lightning Fires	Lightning Acres	Human Fires	Human Acres	Total Unit Fires	Total Unit Acres
ARR	0	0	1	0.2	1	0.2
BPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSP	2	696.1	2	0.2	4	696.3
EAX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GFX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRX	2	0.2	5	15.4	7	15.6
JCX	1	1	7	2930.95	8	2931.95
KRD	0	0	3	13894.5	3	13894.5
LSD	42	559.1	2	4.6	44	563.7
MFX	10	521.3	12	280.08	22	801.38
RBX	1	1.5	3	112	4	113.5
RTF	15	473.36	11	18767.05	26	19240.41
RTX	4	0.4	6	8.95	10	9.35
WRD	84	1703.95	3	32.1	87	1736.05
Totals	161	3956.91	55	36046.03	216	40002.94

## Fires by Agency Owner and Cause



## Acres Burned By Agency Owner and Cause

*Includes fires that burned across multiple agency lands*



	Human	Human Acres	Lightning	Lightning Acres	Agency Fires	Agency Acres
BLM	8	13,931.2	126	2,263.1	134	16,194.3
NPS	2	0.2	2	696.1	4	696.3
FWS	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.2
USFS	11	18,767.1	15	473.4	26	19,240.4
PVT	33	3,347.4	18	524.4	51	3,871.8
Total	55	36,046.0	161	3,956.9	216	40,002.9

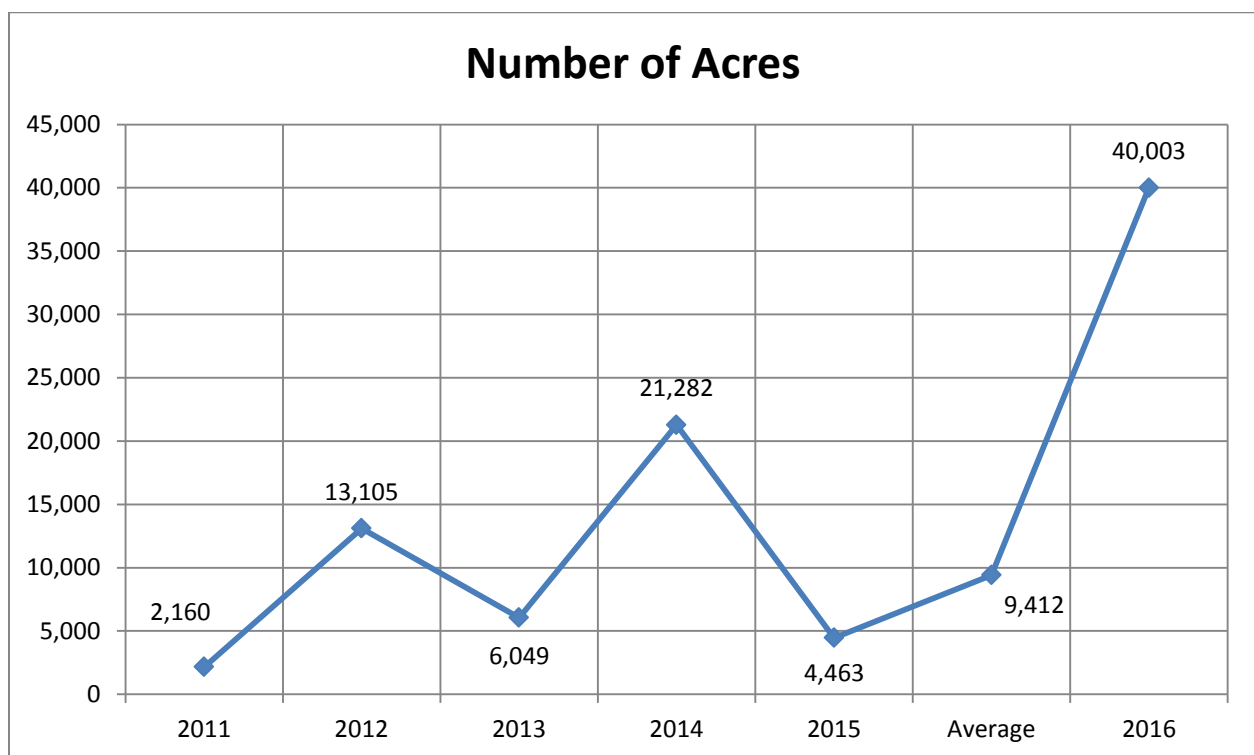
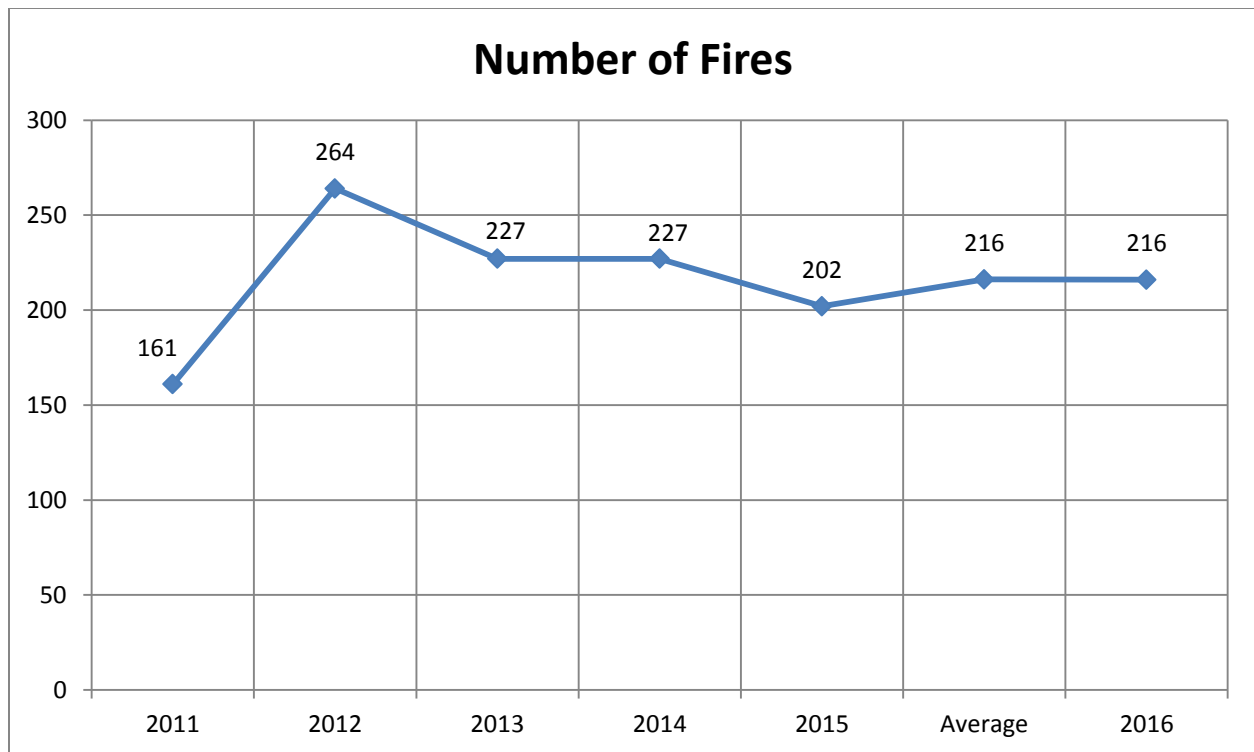
## Large Fires and Fires Managed for Resource Benefit

*Fires listed below were one of the following; 100 acres in Timber, 300 acres in Grass/Brush, Managed for Resource Benefit (MMO), or had significant resource commitment*

Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency	State & Unit	Team Name	Team Type
Beaver Creek	6/19/16	H	38,380	USFS	CO-RTF	Blue	Type 2
Blair	6/29/16	L	1140	BLM	CO-WRD	St Martin	Type 3
LFE 4 Mile	7/6/16	L	415	BLM	CO-WRD	Boespflug	Type 3
Bench	7/23/16	L	576	NPS	CO-DSP	Smith	Type 4
Milk	7/27/16	L	492	BLM	CO-LSD	Wheeler	Type 4
Bale	7/27/16	H	175	County	CO-MFX	Hume	Type 4
Horse Gulch	8/10/16	L	148	BLM	CO-LSD	Wheeler	Type 4
Happy Hollow	8/14/16	L	354	BLM	CO-LSD	Beckerman	Type 3
Silver Creek	8/20/16	L	470	USFS	CO-RTF	Johnson	Type 3
West Stewart	9/8/16	L	112	BLM	CO-WRD	Liday	Type 3

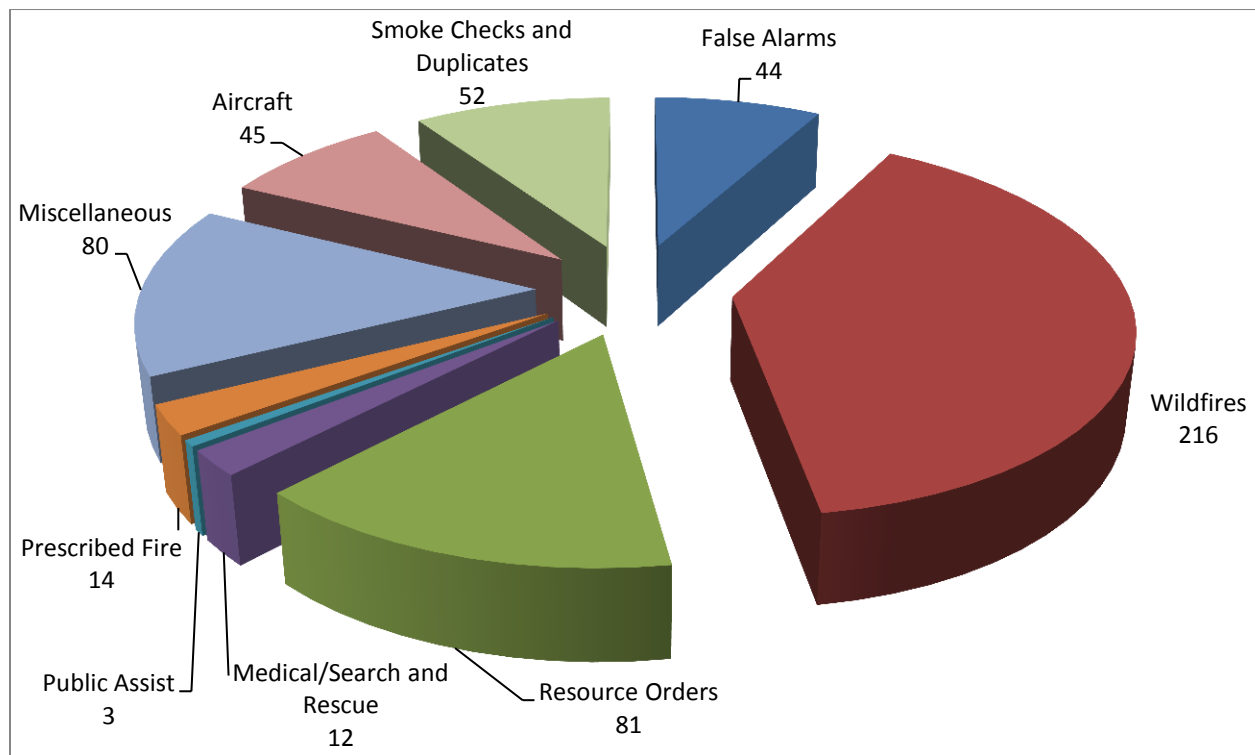


*Burnout on Blair Fire*



## 2016 WildCAD Incident Action Summary

**Total WildCAD Incidents: 547**



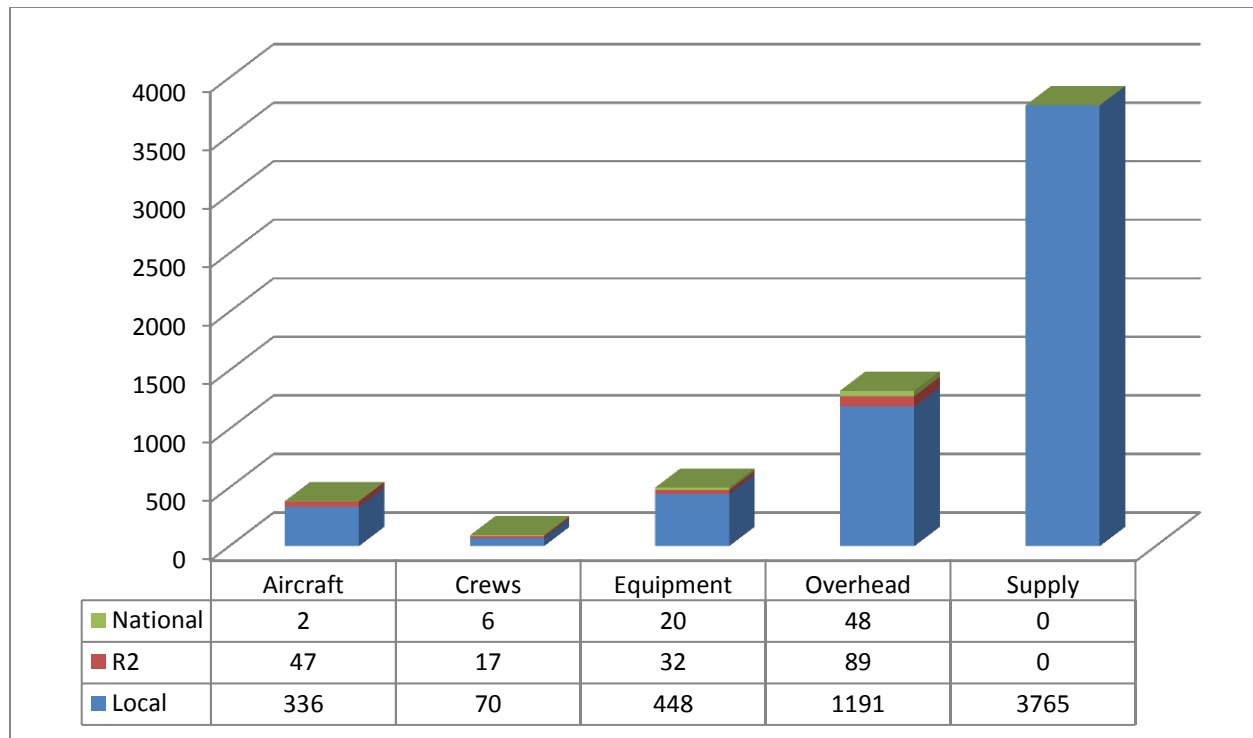
## Prescribed Fire Summary

The USFWS, Forest Service, and BLM completed a total of 1,375 acres of piles, broadcast, and underburning in the Dispatch Area in 2016.

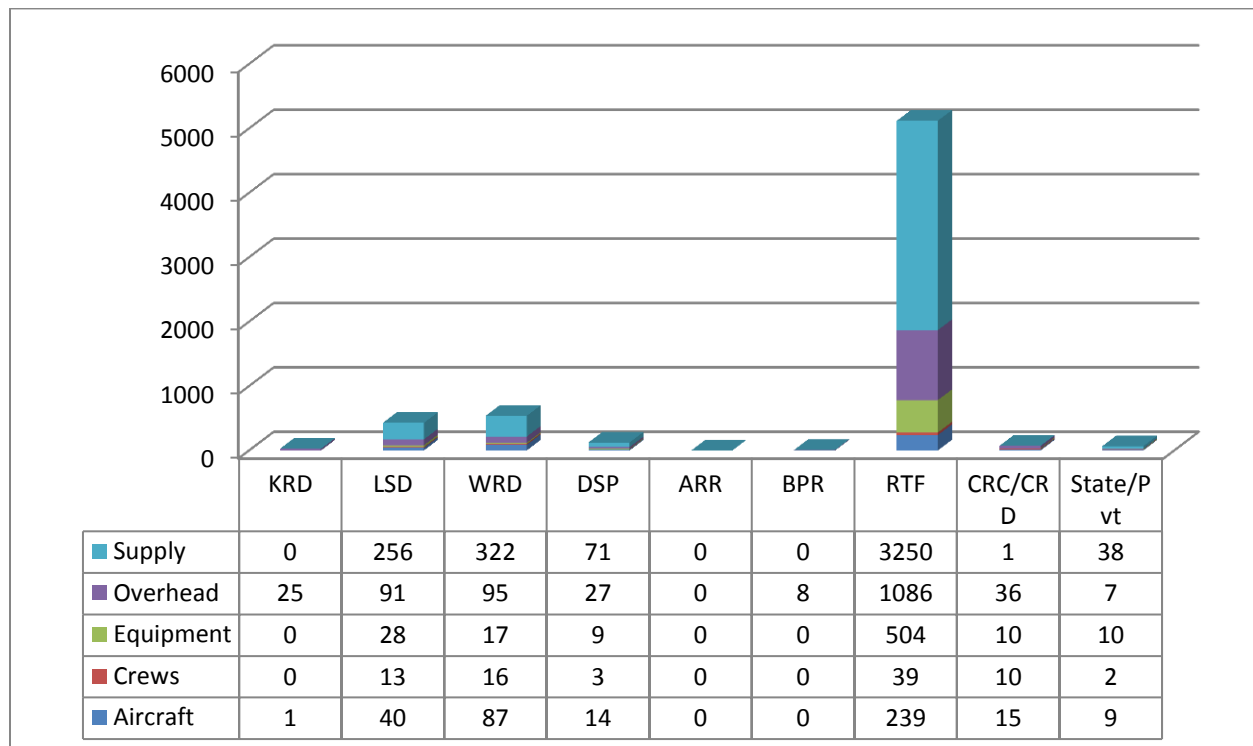
# CRC Resource Order Statistics

## ROSS Orders Filled

(Includes Incoming and Outgoing Orders)

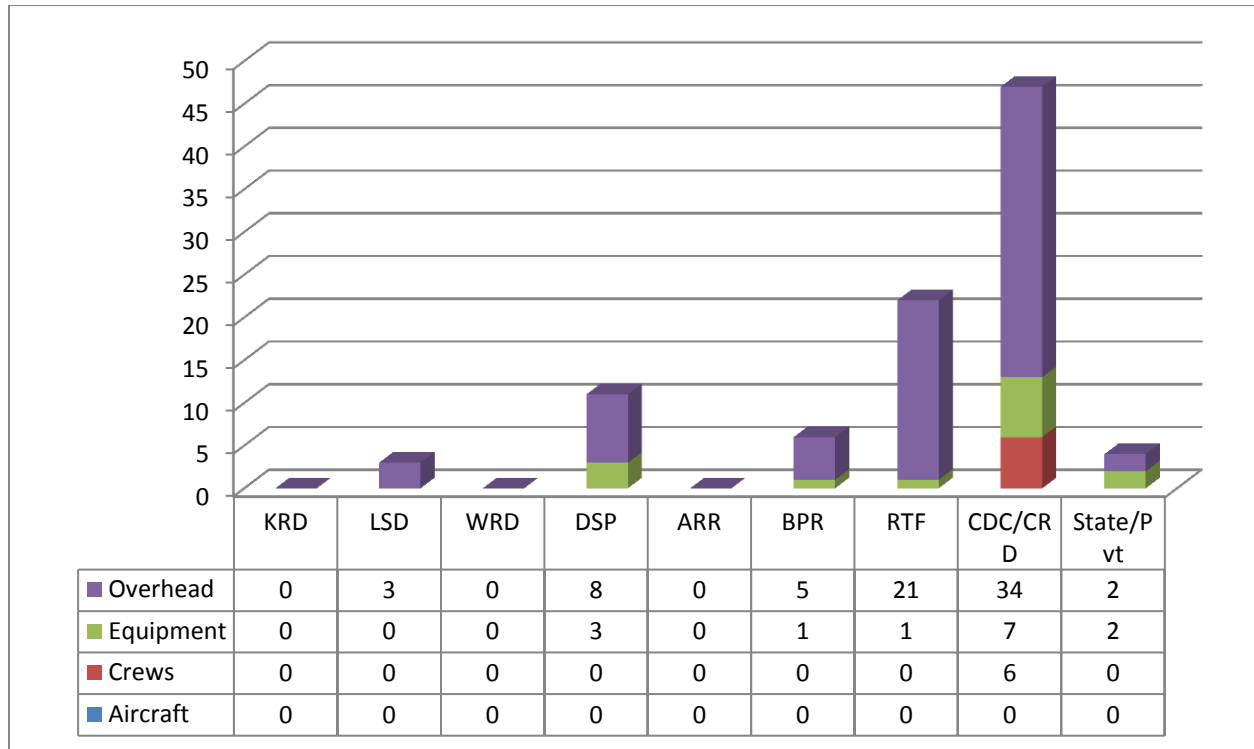


## Local ROSS Orders Placed by Unit

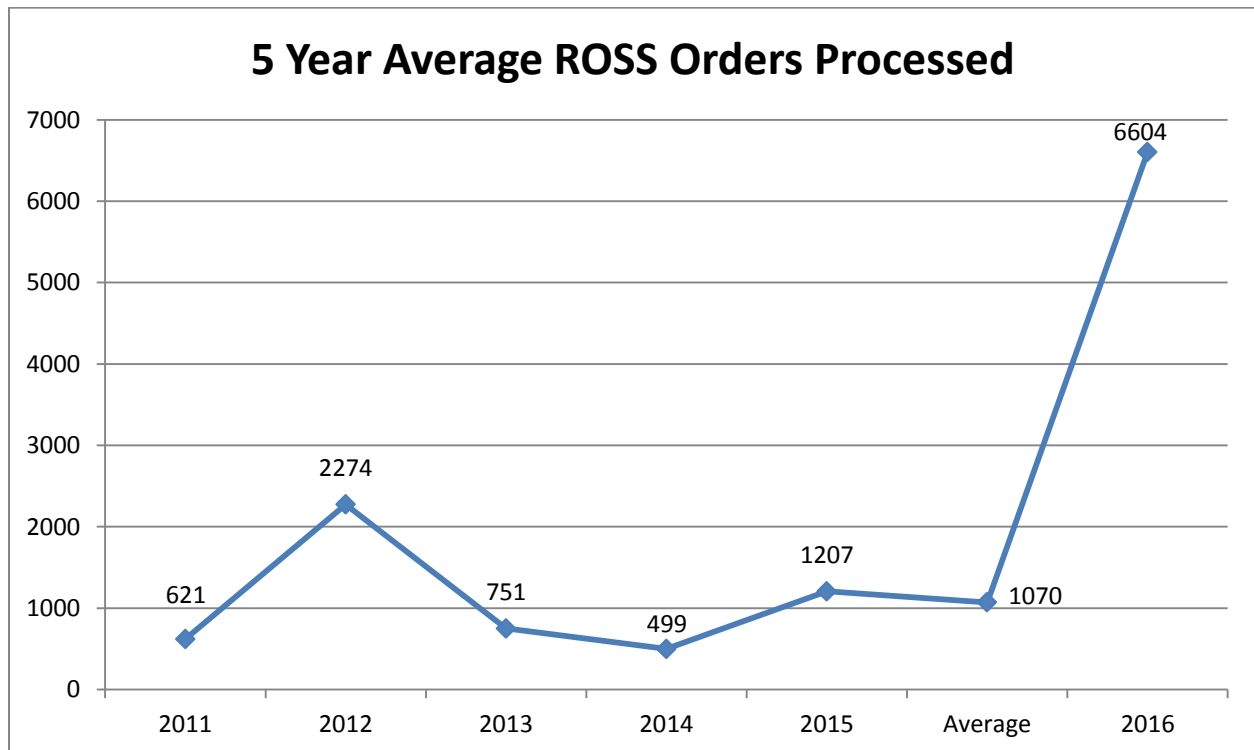




## Regional and National ROSS Orders Filled by Unit

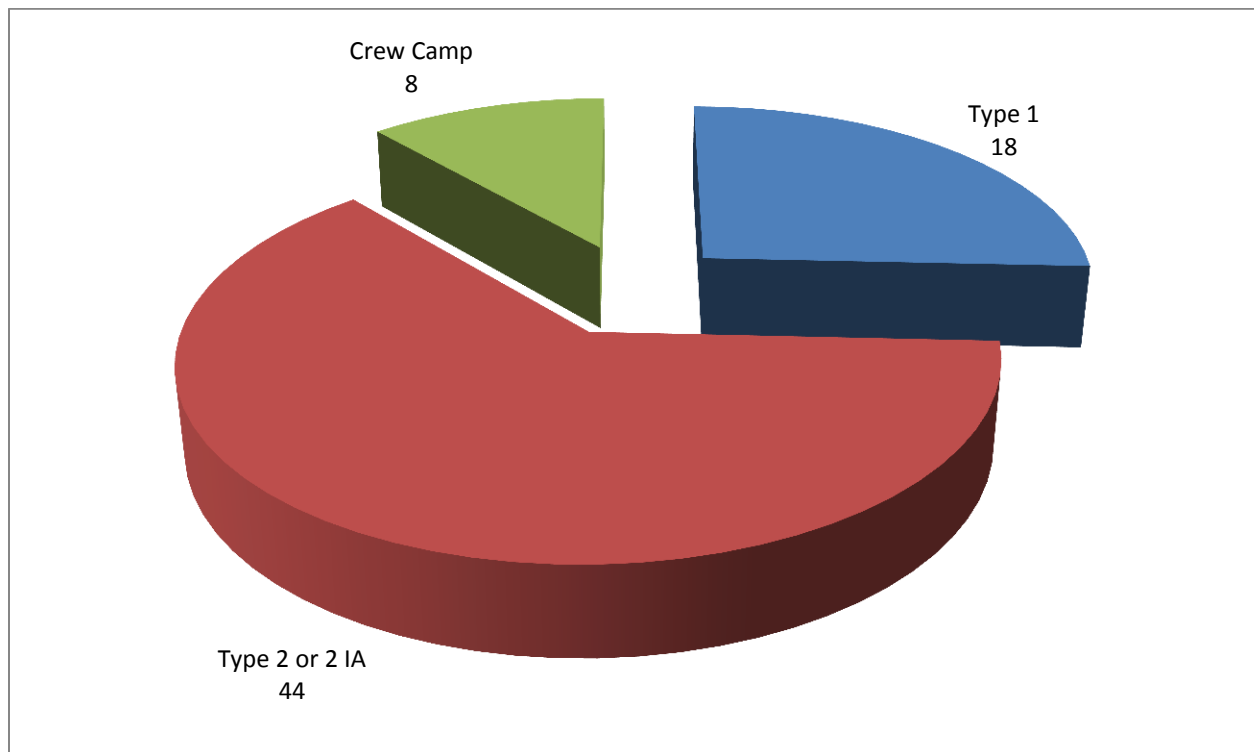


## ROSS Orders Processed: Five-Year Average, 2011-2015

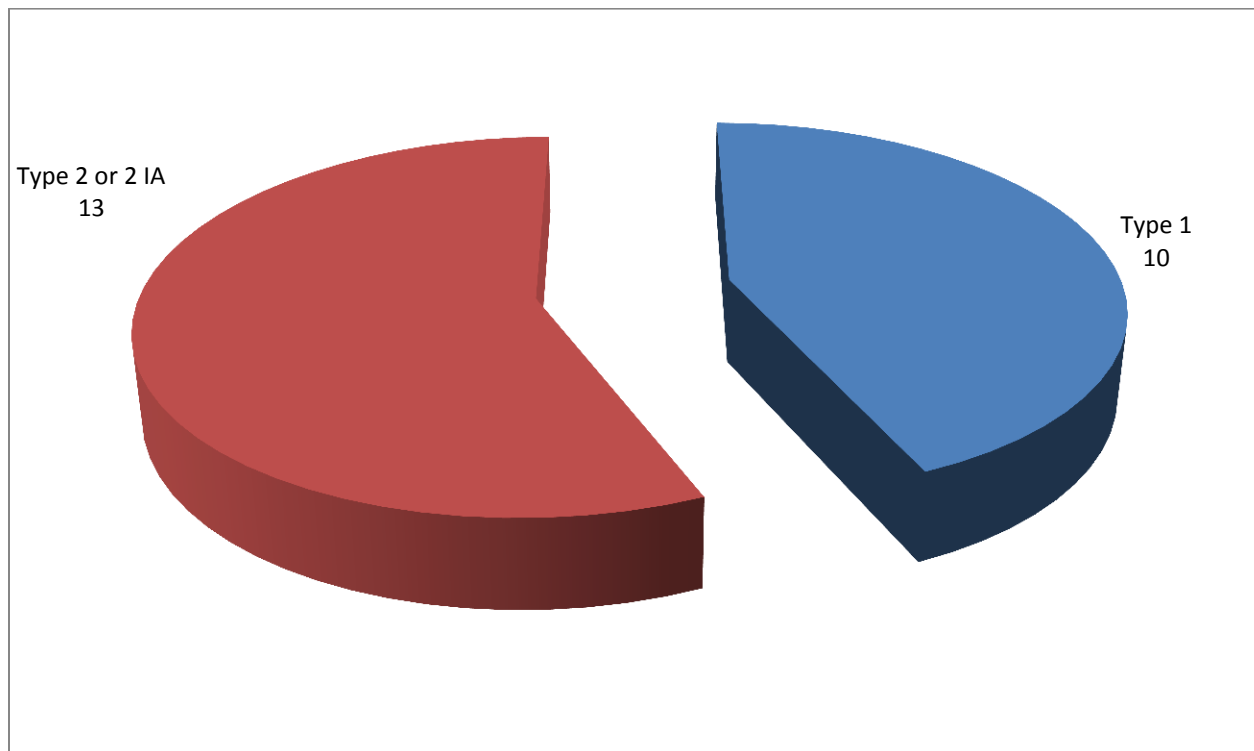


## Crew Summary

### On-Unit Crew Orders Filled: 70



### Out of Area Crew Orders Filled: 23



## 10-Year Historic Crew Use within the CRC Zone

YEAR	NUMBER OF CREWS	NUMBER OF DAYS
2016	70^	370^
2015	14	41
2014	21	58
2013	38	186
2012	61	139
2011	17*	80*
2010	53**	339**
2009	32***	135***
2008	24****	138****
2007	10	20

\*Includes 4 crews for 42 days on bark beetle work

\*\*Includes 25 crews for 269 days on bark beetle work

\*\*\*Includes 5 crews for 46 days on bark beetle work

\*\*\*\*Includes 16 crews for 111 days on bark beetle work

^Includes 8 camp crews for 67 days



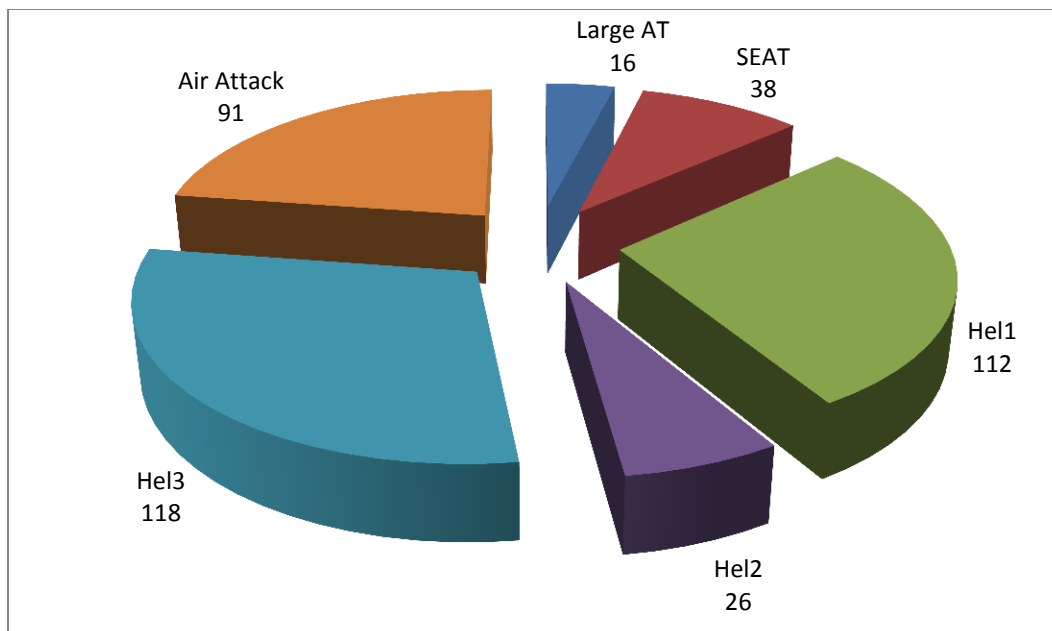
*Blair Fire*

## Craig Hotshot 2016 Summary

This fire season started off right after the crews critical 80 hours of mandatory training. The crew was ordered up for the Foss Lake Fire on the Boundary Waters north of Ely, Minnesota. While at the home unit a crew member broke his leg during a crew hike and was limited to light duty, physical therapy and worked in local dispatch for the remainder of the season. The crew continued to roll to the Tenderfoot Fire in Yarnell, AZ as well as the Brown Fire South of Tucson, AZ. The crew got the opportunity to work on the Beaver Creek and Blair Fires on our local unit. These were fires managed for multiple objectives and the tactics and strategies were unique to what many crewmembers are accustomed to. From there the crew rolled to the Lava Mtn Fire in Wyoming and then Pioneer Fire in Idaho. The crew stopped at Mt. Rushmore after demobing from the Crow Peak Fire in South Dakota. The crew worked a handful of days in Utah, Nevada, and Idaho on the East Jackson Creek Fire, Twin Peaks Fire and the Maggie Fire as well as another tour on the Pioneer Fire.

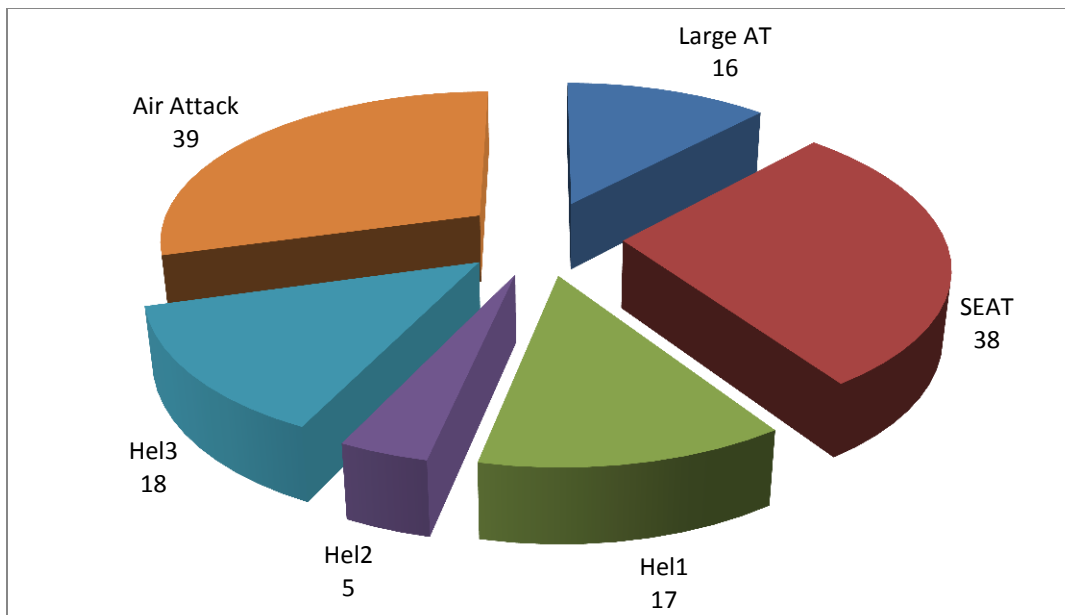
## Aircraft Summary

### Aircraft Use in Days by Aircraft Type



TOTAL USE IN DAYS: 401

### Aircraft Orders by Aircraft Type



**TOTAL ORDERS: 133**